

LAKESIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING – October 2012 – open to the public

DATE: 10/30/2012 TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: Lakeside Sewer District Meeting Room; 253 Bierney Creek Rd.

NOTICED: County P&Z website Calendar of Events page; posters in Library and Post Office in Lakeside, submitted to DIL Daybook column.

AGENDA:

1. Call to order and Sign-in sheet passed.
2. Public Comment for items not on the agenda
3. Approve Agenda: Approve agenda for 10/30
4. Approve prior meeting minutes: Approve meeting minutes from 9/25/2012
5. Review/recommendations on any County applications in the Lakeside planning area (if any are scheduled): None
6. Guest presentations or reports (listed below, if any are scheduled):
 - a. Dave Prunty from the county Solid Waste Department to present an update on the county's plans for "green box" closings & consolidations and answer questions from the Council or community members.
7. Sub-committee reports from any LCC authorized subcommittees (listed below, if any are scheduled):
No sub-committees currently active.
8. Procedural discussions or items (listed below, if any are scheduled)
 - a. Lakeside Plan (if any new news) .
9. Meeting adjourned

NOTE: Public comment will be accepted on any agenda item when that item is being discussed.

MEETING MINUTES:

Council Members attending: Barb Miller, David Fetveit, Meredith Coopman, Gene Shellerud

Council Members not attending: Janet Conroy, Craig Koontz

P&Z attendees: BJ Grieve

Public: Jim Prunty, Bill Eisenlohr, Jim Chilton, Hank Olson, Kevin Severe, Keith Brown, Camilla Lanham

MINUTES: Note that this meeting was video recorded by BJ Grieve of Flathead County Planning & Zoning (P&Z). Minutes below are summary and highlights. Copies of the video may be obtained via P&Z.

1. Call to order at 7:00pm
2. Public comment for items not on agenda: none
3. Barb moved, Gene seconded and passed unanimously to approve agenda
4. Barb moved, Gene seconded and passed unanimously to approve Sept. meeting minutes
5. County Applications to consider: none
6. Guest Presentations: Dave Prunty and Jim Chilton from Flathead County Solid Waste Department
 - a. Dave and Jim presented their desired plans and progress, some facts and took questions. Some highlights are below.
 - b. All county residents & tax payers, pay \$80.73 per year on their tax bill. 15% of this goes to Solid Waste sites (whether resident uses them or not) and remainder goes to the County Landfill.
 - c. Columbia Falls – owned by County, 1.5 staff, 7 days/week

- d. Somers & Creston: 3 full time employees; owned by county
 - e. Lakeside & Bigfork: unstaffed; land leased from state of MT; leases just renewed
 - f. Allied has exclusive hauling contract in Lakeside area; \$5/week for a residence. No other hauling company authorized for our area.
 - g. Currently County is looking at Bigfork (Lakeside to follow; timeframe unknown). Goal is to consolidate Bigfork and Lakeside into the Somers site on Rte 82 and staff that site.
 - h. Dave & Jim showed many pictures of the Lakeside site showing many infractions by residents in terms of the types of trash left. There were also pictures of homeless people who had set up “permanent” camps in the woods around the Lakeside site. County has significant concerns around public health & safety, as well as financial concerns regarding the cost of maintaining the sites.
 - i. They are currently looking at Bigfork and concurrently looking at Lakeside. Bigfork consolidation will probably continue through fall 2013. Lakeside at least 1.5-2 years out. County is currently planning a public meeting for sometime in the spring of 2013. Most likely scenario is that the Somers site would be open 8am – 5pm, 7 days/week with closing likely on legal holidays. The Solid Waste Board is responsible for operational decisions.
 - j. Concerns/questions by meeting attendees (for complete info, obtain a copy of the video from P&Z)
 - i. Traffic on Hwy 82 – speed & volume – will need turning lanes into and out of Somers site. Prunty noted that the County has communicated with MDT. Note that when they contacted MDT for turning lanes when the Somers site was last expanded, MDT said no. Turning lanes are MDT’s decision
 - ii. Congestion within Somers site may cause backups on Rte 82.
 - iii. Increase in fuel costs for residents from Lakeside & Bigfork.
 - iv. Suggestion to put a petition together from Lakeside/Somers/Bigfork in favor of turn lanes.
 - v. Some residents willing to pay extra tax to keep the local facilities.
 - vi. Trash being dumped on roadsides.
 - vii. LCC could write a letter or sponsor a petition regarding turn lanes, but too early to do so. Should watch what happens in Bigfork and discuss sometime closer to when Lakeside is being consolidated.
 - viii. Prunty noted the next Solid Waste Board meeting is Dec. 3 or 4.
 - k. Council thanks Dave & Jim for attending and keeping the community up to date.
7. Sub-committee reports: none
8. Procedural discussion: Lakeside Plan
- a. Judge dissolved the preliminary injunction on October 30, 2012. The findings on the last outstanding allegation of the lawsuit will not impact implementing the Plan. Council needs to begin considering and prioritizing items from the plan to be implemented.
 - b. BJ commented regarding the lack of resources in P&Z.
 - c. Council still needs to prioritize implementation recommendations.
 - d. Put on Agenda for November meeting.
 - e. Barb motioned, Gene seconded to adjourn meeting at 9:00pm